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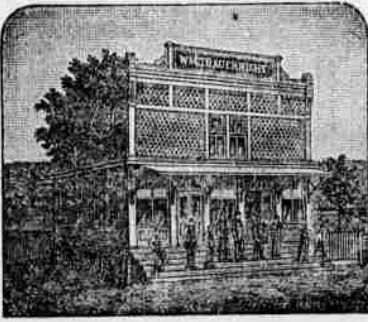
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The consensus of opinion here regarding the building of an isthmian canal is universal in favor of the canal among all sorts of public men, but they differ radically when it comes to the route and the methods adopted by the Republican administration in making the Panama route the only one over which the canal can be built. The Democrats in Congress are a unite in favor of the canal, but they do not intend to let the skulduggery of the present administration prevail if they can help it, and I think they can. They are not satisfied with the message of the President which he sent to the Senate on the subject of Panama, and they think he has evaded the main questions asked him, and they will not stand for it. He has not cleared up the mystery surrounding the movements of this government just previous to the announcement that the Panama republic was born, and they either will have the facts or the Panama treaty will not be ratified, all the talk of the Republican leaders to the contrary notwithstanding. The Democrats want a canal, but they want it with honor.

They know that the Panama route is not the only one that there is in that section of the world, and that the Nicaragua route is better than the Panama; that not so many people will die of fever while the canal is being built, and that there is a law unrepealed on the statute books of the nation authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the right of way for such a canal. Furthermore, they know that the money has been appropriated for the Nicaragua route, and has not been appropriated for the Panama route. They do not like the antics of the administration in this matter, and, notwithstanding the instructions given to some southern Senators by their Legislatures, they will refuse to obey them so far as the Panama route is concerned, because they know that is not the only chance for a canal, and they will defeat the ratification of the Panama treaty and demand that the law concerning the Nicaragua canal be carried out.

We will then have a canal much nearer the United States, and especially the Southern States, than would be the Panama canal, and they will have rebuked the Republican administration for its disregard of law and the outrageous conduct of robbing the United States of Colombia of one of its States. Unless the President of the United States can make a better defense of his position in this Panama deal than he has done, the Panama treaty will not be ratified, provided the Democrats stand together as they now say they will do. We will have a canal and we will swat the Republican administration in the neck.

The Democrats in the House of Representatives tried mightily hard this week to get the Republicans to agree to an investigation of the post-office scandals, but they failed. The Republicans refuse to be investigated. They killed a resolution for the purpose of calling an investigation of the Bristow charges by referring it to a committee by a slim vote of 107 to 111. After it is referred to the committee it will continue to sleep in the pigeon-hole of the desk of the chairman of the committee.

That should show the people of the country where the sincerity of the Republican party lies in this matter. They know full well that if the investigation is ever pulled off it will put more kinds of big Republicans in the hole and soap sides and pull up the ladder, than any man now dreams of. That is why they will smother the thing in its inception. The people may draw their own conclusions.

Some of the Republican leaders on the floor of the House are repeatedly saying on their feet that there were never more prosperous times in this country than at present, and that the working man can get all the work he wants at re-

munerative wages. This is not true. The working man not only is getting his wages cut by all the big trusts and corporations in the country, but the government itself is cutting wages. The Boston Transcript, a good Republican paper, of December 31st last, has an item to the effect that the men employed in the Charleston Navy Yard will have their wages cut from \$2.00 per day to \$1.54 per day, and that there was sore distress over the matter and much indignation. The beginning of hard times is not only visible among the laboring men of the country, but among the better paid classes of people. That is evidenced by the falling-off in the attendance at the theaters all over the country, and by the number of actors who are stranded and hunting for work, there being fully 200 companies disbanded in the last thirty days, and over 2,000 actors out of employment. If that is Republican prosperity then the sooner the people get rid of it the better for them.

The discussion among the men in Congress who are leading Democrats, concerning the dinner given in New York on the fourth instant to the Hon. George B. McClellan, is to the effect that the speech of Hon. Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, in naming Grover Cleveland as the man who should be nominated by the Democrats for the Presidency, has completely eliminated himself from the running, and injured the chances of Judge Parker, inasmuch as he was considered the residuary legatee of Cleveland. Things here are rapidly narrowing down to Gorman and Hearst, with Hearst in the lead.

Republican newspapers are not boasting about the fact that bituminous coal will go back to the dutiable list on January 15th. They don't want the tariff question agitated. Neither do the trusts. For the ten months ending last October, during the whole of which period the suspension of the duty was operative, the exports of coal from the United States were 5,284,948 tons, compared with 4,525,967 for the same portion of 1902, and with 4,634,324 tons in 1901. That is, the exports increased over 750,000 in 1903, when the duty was suspended. The imports of coal into the United States in the first ten months of 1903 were 2,887,631 tons, compared with 1,769,801 in the first ten months of 1902, and 1,671,848 tons in the corresponding period of 1901. All parts of the country have received benefit from free coal, but the Pa-

cific Coast has probably been most benefitted. The opportunity to bring inward cargoes of coal instead of sailing in ballast has made it possible for the merchant vessels docking at Pacific ports to cut grain freights eight and ten cents per bushel, as compared with the rates for 1902. In that way the coming of ships which free coal has invited has, it is calculated, added \$2,000,000 to the profits of the farmers of the Pacific Northwest, and probably as much to the profits of the lumber men. The greatest good to the greatest number requires that coal remain on the free list; the welfare of the coal trust requires that the duty of 67 cents per ton be replaced. This is a trust Congress and the duty goes back on.

CHAS. A. EDWARDS.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1904.

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The superstitiously inclined are pointing Mr. Roosevelt to the fact that the next national convention of the Republican party will be its thirteenth. They add to this to them—sinister fact the other fact that no vice president who succeeded through the death of his chief has ever been nominated and elected president to succeed himself. These superstitious people feel that this makes a combination that is sure to result disastrously to the house of Roosevelt. If they add to this combination the other and well attested fact that the people are growing rather weary of words not backed up by deeds, they will have a resultant combination which will indeed be hard to beat.—The Commoner.

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Circuit Attorney Folk of St. Louis has so bungled his work in trial cases that he has failed to land a single boulder in the penitentiary, and on the heels of this record comes the announcement that the law lobbied through the legislature by which his salary was raised from \$4,000 to \$5,000 is illegal. This recalls the story of the man servant who was so careless that he was always breaking dishes. His employer stated the case to three friends, and Englishman, a Scotchman and an Irishman, and asked them what he should do in the matter.

"Discharge the servant and get another," suggested the Englishman.

"I have tried that," said the employer, "but without good results."

"Take the amount of the breakage out of his wages," suggested the thrifty Scot.

"But," the objection was, "he breaks more than his wages amount to."

"Then raise his wages," said the Irishman.—Kansas City World.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Arcadia Valley Drug Co. Price 50 cents.

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